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RETIRED POLICE CHIEF LAUDED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

GREENSBORO, NC (July 6, 2004) – The Greensboro Police Department (GPD) will honor retired Chief of Police, Jeter L. Williamson, with the GPD's Career Achievement Award on Wednesday, July 7 at 1:30 p.m. in a ceremony at the Greensboro Public Safety Training Facility, 1510 N. Church Street. Chief David Wray will present the distinguished award to Williamson for his innovative advancements in law enforcement during his tenure with the GPD from 1951 to 1956.

"Mr. Williamson embodies the true spirit of a public servant and we are honored to present this award to such a deserving individual," says David Wray, Chief of Police. "Chief Williamson was ahead of his time in the many innovative crime fighting strategies he helped to develop," he adds.

Career highlights of Chief Jeter L. Williamson include:

- Organized the Department into five divisions, which included the Uniform, Traffic, Detective, Records and Communications, and Personnel and Training Division
- Created the concept of formal in-house training, an idea that was highly innovative for the early 1950s
- Helped to create the Department's first Vice Investigators Squad and oversaw what was then a revolutionary new concept of detecting impaired drivers (blood testing to determine blood/alcohol content)
- Demonstrated that 30% of revolvers carried by police officers were defective through an intensified firearms training program
- Aided in the production of the first issue of the Departmental Training Bulletin

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- Assisted in the formation of the Auxiliary Police Unit, which was the forerunner of the GPD's present day Police Reserve Corps
- Announced the organization of the first Juvenile Division in the state and created the Department's first modern bureau
- Formed the Greensboro Police Cadet Program where young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty could enroll and become sworn probationary police officers

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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